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RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

The Office Action mailed 9 August 2006 has been received and reviewed. No claims have been cancelled, added, or amended. Therefore, claims 15-50 remain pending. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested as discussed below.

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Applicants have not received initial copies of the 1449 forms mailed on 2 October 2001, 10 February 2003, and 12 April 2004. Further, the initial copies have not been posted to PAIR. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request initial copies of the 1449 forms mailed on 2 October 2001, 10 February 2003, and 12 April 2004 to be included in the Office Action written in reply to this response.